

REMARKS

This Response addresses the Office Action of April 12, 2007. Claims 1-8, 10-55, and 60-63 are currently pending in this application.

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Office Action requires Applicant to elect one of two identified groups of claims. Group I is stated to include claims 1-8, 10-49, and 60-63; Group II is stated to include claims 50-55. The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I, which includes claims 1-8, 10-49, and 60-63. The Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the Group II claims.

Information Disclosure Statement

A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Response. The Patent Office is requested to consider the documents cited therein, and notify Applicant of same.

Regarding the Attached Substitute Declaration

A Substitute Declaration accompanies this Response, executed by the inventor Michael J. Sutherland. The Substitute Declaration submitted herewith complements and completes the collection of Substitute Declarations submitted on September 15, 2006; more specifically, together, the present and previous submissions provide Substitute Declarations executed by all inventors in the present application. The present Substitute Declaration was obtained from Mr. Sutherland on May 17, 2007 after several unsuccessful attempts to obtain his signature, as set forth by the Petition of September 15,

1 2006. The Patent Office is respectfully requested to formally make the present Substitute
2 Declaration of record in the present application.

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4 *Conclusion*

5 The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned if any issues remain unresolved
6 by this Response. Favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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8 Respectfully Submitted,

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